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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 17 December 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Western Sahara (S/1998/1160)*

Other matters

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* With a view to a formal meeting.

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION 661 (1990) CONCERNING THE SITUATION BETWEEN IRAQ AND KUWAIT

3.30 p.m.	177th meeting* (closed)	Conference Room 7

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* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested Members of the United Nations in the same room, immediately following the meeting. Following the oral briefing to Members, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press in the Press Room.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

3 p.m. 92nd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. United Nations reform: measures and proposals: draft resolution (A/53/L.73) [30]

2. Credentials of representatives to the fifty-third session of the General Assembly: report of the Credentials Committee (A/53/556/Add.1) [3]

3. Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/53/3) [12]

4. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assitance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: draft resolution (A/53/L.72) [20 (b)]

5. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assitance: emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan: the situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security [20 (c) and 45]:

   (a) Draft resolution (A/53/L.66)

   (b) Report of the Fifth Committee*

6. Strengthening of the United Nations system [58]:

   (a) Draft decision (A/53/L.68)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.74)

7. Appointment of a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/752) [17 (k)]

8. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/738) [111]

9. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee* [112]

10. Programme planning: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/743) [114]

11. Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/713) [116]

12. Pattern of conferences: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/744) [117]

13. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/464/Add.3) [118]

14. Human resources management: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/748) [119]

15. United Nations common system: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/754) [120]

16. United Nations pension system: reports of the Fifth Committee (A/53/736 and A/53/737) [121]

17. Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/745) [123]

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* To be issued in the course of the day.

18. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/755) [135]

19. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/756) [137]

20. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/522/Add.1) [143]

21. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: report of the Fifth Committee* [113]

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Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. — 45th meeting — Conference Room 3

1. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [17]

   (k) Appointment of a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee (A/53/235, A/C.5/53/1/Add.1 and A/C.5/53/46)

2. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

   The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security

   Consideration of programme budget implications of draft resolution A/53/L.66

   (A/C.5/53/45 and A/53/734 and Corr.1)

3. United Nations common system [120]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.20

4. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [135]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.22

5. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [137]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.23

6. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

   (a) Guidelines for internal control standards

   Action on draft decision A/C.5/53/L.30

   (b) Results-based budgeting

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.35

   (c) Impact of the implementation of pilot projects on budgetary practices and procedures

   Action on draft decision A/C.5/53/L.31

7. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

   (a) Tenth progress report of the Secretary-General on the Integrated Management Information System

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.32

(b) Development account

Action on draft decision A/C.5/53/L.34

(c) Recosting of outstanding statements of programme budget implications and revised estimates (A/C.5/53/49)

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on the contingency fund: consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates (A/C.5/53/48)

(e) First performance report

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.36

(f) Draft report of the Fifth Committee

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.27

8. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

(a) Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2000-2001

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.33

(b) Biennial programme of work of the Fifth Committee for 1999-2000

Action on draft decision A/C.5/53/L.29

(c) Action taken on certain items

Action on draft decision A/C.5/53/L.28

9. Closure of the work of the Fifth Committee during the main part of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly

Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 112 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/53/220, A/ 53/718 and Corr.1 and A/53/16))

* Following the adjournment of the 45th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Draft reports
2. Executive session on the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	684th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	685th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations [3]:

(a) Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from the resumed 1997 session of the Committee

(b) New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification (E/C.2/1998/R.2/Add.16-27 and E/C.2/1998/R.2/Add.20/Corr.1)

2. Implementation of Economic and Social Council decision 1996/302 [5]

3. Implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/32 [7]

4. Review of quadrennial reports deferred from the resumed 1997 session [4]

5. Review of the methods of work of the Committee: Implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 and decision 1995/304 [6] (E/C.2/1998/2)

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Informal (closed) consultations on consumer protection guidelines for sustainable consumption will be conducted by Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development, *today*, 17 December 1998, at 10 a.m. and *tomorrow*, 18 December, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. The meetings will be held in Conference Room 8.

Announcement

A non-paper on preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on "Women 2000: Gender Equality, Development and Peace for the Twenty-first Century", as requested by the consultations of the Commission on the Status of Women, is available for pick-up by interested delegations in room DC2-1216.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 17 December 1998

ASIAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

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Informal meeting

The Interim Steering Committee of the Millennium NGO Forum will hold a meeting on the theme "Process, Structure and Content of the Proposed Millennium NGO Forum" *today*, 17 December 1998, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Representatives of all non-governmental organizations, as well as interested members of permanent missions and Secretariat staff, are invited to attend.

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Workshop

There will be a Workshop for non-governmental organizations on consultative status with the Economic and Social Council *today*, 17 December 1998, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. Conference Room C.

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Briefing

There will be a donor briefing (closed), organized by the United Nations Development Programme, on the progress activities of the Cambodian Mine Action Centre (CMAC) and their directions and plans for 1999 *today*, 17 December 1998, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The briefing, which will include an audio-visual presentation, will be made jointly by Mr. Ieng Mouly, Chairman, and Mr. Sam Sotha, Director-General of CMAC.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 2 December 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 18 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

There will be an informal briefing on matters pertaining to the work of the seventh session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, under the chairmanship of Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman of the Commission, on Friday, 18 December 1998, at 2 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

The Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will hold pre-session informal consultations on all matters before the first regular session 1999 on Monday, 11 January 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

The first regular session 1999 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from 25 to 29 January 1999 in Conference Room 2. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/1999/ L.1. Delegations, as well as observers, are requested to fax their credentials to the Secretariat of the Executive Board (906-5634) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, 15 January 1999.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session meeting

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (19-22 and 25 January 1999) will take place on Tuesday, 5 January 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/1999/2. All delegations are invited to attend.

First regular session for 1999

The first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 19 to 22 and 25 January 1999 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/ 1999/2. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (212-326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than 14 January 1999.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 16 December 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

3954th meeting

Maintenance of peace and security and post-conflict peace-building

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Croatia, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Malaysia, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, the Republic of Korea, Slovakia, the Sudan, Tunisia and Ukraine, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of China, the Russian Federation, the United States, Costa Rica, France, Portugal, the Gambia, Gabon, Brazil, Slovenia, Kenya, Japan, Sweden and the United Kingdom, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Bahrain.

The meeting was suspended.

3955th meeting

The situation between Iraq and Kuwait

Letter dated 15 December 1998 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1998/1172)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Iraq, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a statement by the representative of Iraq.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, China, the United Kingdom, Costa Rica, Slovenia, Portugal, the United States, Sweden, Brazil, Japan, the Gambia, Kenya, France and Gabon.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 1998

50th meeting

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [1]

The Council had before document E/1998/99, which contained the annotated agenda for its resumed session of 1998.

The President drew the Council's attention to document E/1998/L.52, which contained draft decisions submitted by the Vice-President of the Council on the basis of informal consultations.

Draft decision I

The Council adopted draft decision I.

Document E/1998/L.51

The representative of the Russian Federation introduced the draft resolution E/1998/L.51, on behalf of the Eastern European States Group.

A statement was made by the representative of Poland.

Draft decision II contained in document E/1998/L.52

The Council adopted draft decision II.

Draft decision III

The Council adopted draft decision III.

Elections, appointments and confirmations

Committee for Development Policy

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Bangladesh and Mozambique, as well as by the representatives of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

The Council then approved the nomination by the Secretary-General of the 24 experts listed in document E/1998/L.1/Add.2 for a two-year term, on an exceptional basis, beginning on 1 January 1999.

The Council further decided that the terms of office of future appointees would be for three years.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development

The Council elected the candidates nominated by their Governments, as listed in documents E/1998/L.1/Add.20, Add.21, Add.23 and Add.24, for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1999. The Council also elected Ahmad Kahrobaian (Islamic Republic of Iran), Owen Macdonald Kankhulungo (Malawi), Ainun Nishat (Bangladesh) and Eddy Kofi Smith (Ghana) for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1999.

The Council postponed the election of three members from African States and one member from Asian States.

Commission on Science and Technology for Development

The Council elected by acclamation the following States for a term beginning on 1 January 1999: Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, China, Colombia, Cuba, Germany, Greece, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Pakistan, Paraguay, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Spain, Tunisia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America.

In accordance with its resolution 1998/47, the Council drew lots to determine the terms of office of the newly elected members, as follows: Austria, Brazil, Cuba, Jamaica, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Slovakia, Spain, the United Kingdom and the United States, as well as two members from the Asian States Group who would be elected at a later stage, would serve for a term beginning on 1 January 1999 and expiring on 31 December 2000; Belarus, Belgium, Bolivia, China, Colombia, Germany, Greece, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Pakistan, Paraguay, Portugal, Romania and Tunisia would serve for a term beginning on 1 January 1999 and expiring on 31 December 2002.

The Council postponed the election of seven members from African States and two members from Asian States.

The Council confirmed the representatives to the functional commissions listed in document E/1998/L.2/Add.3.

Election postponed from previous sessions

Gabon and the United Republic of Tanzania were elected by acclamation for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1999. The Council further postponed to a future session the election of one member from Asian States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2001.

Commission on Sustainable Development

The Council was informed that Finland would withdraw as a member of the Commission effective 31 December 1998. Accordingly, Sweden was elected to replace Finland for a term beginning on 1 January 1999 and expiring at the close of the Commission's session in 1999.

Enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The Council postponed consideration of the enlargement of the Executive Committee to its next session.

Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 52/12 B [8]

The Council resumed consideration of the item.

The Vice-President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Paolo Fulci (Italy), reported to the Council on the results of the informal consultations held on this item. He then introduced draft resolution E/1998/L.54 entitled "Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 52/12 B", submitted by him on the basis of informal consultations.

The Council then adopted the draft resolution.

After the adoption of the draft resolution a statement was made by the representative of the United States.

The President made a statement.

Social and human rights questions: Human rights questions [14 (g)]

Document E/1998/L.52

Draft decision IV

The Council adopted draft decision IV.

Closure of the substantive session of 1998 of the Council

The President declared closed the substantive session of 1998 of the Council.

COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS 682nd meeting

New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification [3 (b)]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Cuba, India, Chile, Costa Rica, the Sudan, the United Kingdom, China, the Russian Federation, Greece, the Philippines and Tunisia.

A statement was also made by the observer for Iraq.

683rd meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 3 (b).

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, the United States, Cuba, India, the United Kingdom, Costa Rica, the Sudan and Greece.

The observer for Algeria also made a statement.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to article 43 (2) of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. New York, 12 December 1995

Acceptance: Maldives (2 November 1998)*

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Signature: The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (16 December 1998)

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Signature: Israel (16 December 1998)

Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters. Aarhus, Denmark, 25 June 1998

Signature: Belarus (16 December 1998)

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Convention on the International Maritime Organization. Geneva, 6 March 1948

Acceptance: Grenada (3 December 1998)*

Amendments to articles 17 and 18 of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization. London, 15 September 1964

Acceptance: Grenada (3 December 1998)*

Amendment to article 28 Convention on the International Maritime Organization. 28 September 1965

Acceptance: Grenada (3 December 1998)*

Amendments to articles 10, 16, 17, 18, 20, 28, 31 and 32 of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization. London, 17 October 1974

Acceptance: Grenada (3 December 1998)*

Amendments to the title and substantive provisions of the Convention. London, 14 November 1975 and 9 November 1977

Acceptance: Grenada (3 December 1998)*

Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization relating to the institutionalization of the Committee on technical cooperation in the Convention. London, 17 November 1977

Acceptance: Grenada (3 December 1998)*

Amendments to articles 17, 18, 20 and 51 of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization. London, 15 November 1979

Acceptance: Grenada (3 December 1998)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Pass and Identification Office, located at UNITAR Building (45th Street and 1st Avenue), will be closed *today*, 17 December 1998, from 12 noon to 3 p.m. for administrative duties.

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Presentation of a gift

The Secretary-General will unveil a marble plaque commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, donated by the Association of Former International Civil Servants (New York), *today*, 17 December 1998, at 12 noon at the Roosevelt corner of the United Nations garden. All members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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